

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to commend Eddie Bryan for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a public servant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as servant of the public, Mr. Bryan has distinguished himself as a citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a 1954 graduate of Hume-Fogg High School, where he was a standout player on and three-year co-captain of the football team, Mr. Bryan is a longtime resident of Davidson County, and he has served in a number of civic positions during his career; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan worked for South Central Bell, first serving as an installer and repairman and, in 1975, he embarked on what was to be a four-year term of service as the Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of CWA Local 3808, Mr. Bryan was first elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer on the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council in 1981; he has been re-elected by his peers in each subsequent election and continues to render sterling service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan served with distinction on the Davidson County Election Commission, an organization to which he dedicated his time and energies for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as a member of the Tennessee Labor Management Conference board, a member of the Jury Commission, an eighteen-year member of the Metro Parks and Recreation Board, and a fourteen-year member of the Tennessee Lawyers Fund for Client Protection; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Mr. Bryan has dedicated his passion and leadership to a number of community groups and governmental boards and commissions, including the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metro Urban Development Commission, the Tennessee Conference of Social Welfare, the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Committee, the Metro Transit Authority Board, the American Red Cross, the Public Service Advisory Committee of Tennessee State University, and United Way of Nashville. He also served as the chair of the Board of Directors of CWA Plaza Apartments and stood two terms as the foreman of the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan also holds membership in a number of charitable, civic, and business organizations, including Observance Lodge 686 and the Capital City Golf Association. He is also a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the director's staff at Al Menah Temple, a founder and the past president of the Music City Golf Association, and the treasurer of the Music City Fishing Club; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran of this country's armed forces, Mr. Bryan served for two years as a Machinist's Mate Third Class in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Bryan is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Mary Kavanaugh Bryan, and is proudest of the love and support of his daughter, his grandchildren, and his great-grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Eddie Bryan for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.